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***MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CINDY A. BLANKENSHIP
RELIGIOUS PROGRAM SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES NAVY***

RPCM(SW/FMF) Cindy Blankenship was born in Dansville, New York on 16 March 1958 to Charles and Virginia Andrews. She graduated from Franklin Academy and Prattsburgh Central High School in June 1976. She enlisted in the Navy on 4 August 1977 and completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida in October 1977.



After completion of recruit training she attended Yeoman "A" School in Meridian, Mississippi, then on to the Chapel Manager's School at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. Her initial assignment was to Headquarters, Fleet Religious Support Activity, Norfolk, Virginia where she applied for the Religious Program Specialist (RP) rating which was in the process of establishment in 1978. In 1979, she was one of the few selectees for this new rating.

Subsequent tours followed at Commander Service Squadron FIVE in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; the Chief of Chaplain's Office in Washington, D.C. (detailer branch); Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in San Diego, California; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California; USS MCKEE (AS 41); Naval Station, San Diego, California; and Commander, Navy Region Southwest, San Diego, California; I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. RPCM(SW/FMF) is currently assigned to Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

RPCM(SW/FMF) Blankenship's military decorations include the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Third Award); Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Fourth Award); Meritorious Unit Commendation (Fourth Award); Good Conduct Medal (Sixth Award); National Defense Medal, Outstanding Military Volunteer Medal, and Fleet Marine Force Ribbon.

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